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**Administrative Director Declares Illinois Associate Judge
Appointed in the Sixteenth Judicial Circuit**

Michael J. Tardy, Director of the Administrative Office of the Illinois Courts, announced today that the Sixteenth Judicial Circuit judges voted to select Christine A. Downs as an associate judge of the Sixteenth Judicial Circuit.

Ms. Downs received her undergraduate degree in 1994 from the University of Illinois, Urbana, IL, and her Juris Doctor in 1997 from Loyola University in Chicago, Illinois. Ms. Downs is currently affiliated with Collison & O'Connor, Ltd. in Chicago, IL.